

Kumar Receives Emerald Honors Award



Dr. Ashok Kumar, Champaign, was awarded the Career Achievement - Emerald Honors at the Minorities in Research Science Conference in Baltimore, Md. The Emerald Honors are the premier awards for African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans working in the research sciences.

Kumar, a project leader at the **Construction Engineering Research Laboratory**, was cited for two major technology innovations: lead-based paint removal using graphite spray and directed microwaves; and self-healing coatings — microcapsules smaller than hair that contain healing epoxy to prevent low-water corrosion in stationary structures, such as aircraft hangars, pipes, canal locks and oil platforms. In addition to being recognized at the ceremony, Kumar was featured in *Science Spectrum* magazine.